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STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LANSING

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RE: COVID-19 Exposure

To the parent/guardian of Kinder3 DHHS-TEST,

The Barry-Eaton District Health Department and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services have been recently informed of a case of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Your child has been identified as a person who may have been exposed to this case.

Many school districts are handling COVID-19 classroom exposures differently. If you have been notified your child was exposed to COVID-19 in a classroom setting, please refer to your school and Local Health Department regarding guidance on symptom monitoring and quarantine. If you are directed that he/she can return to the classroom, they will still need to follow safety measures, such as masking and social distancing. Returning to the classroom after a COVID exposure during their monitoring period does NOT mean they can participate in other activities outside of the classroom (social gatherings, sports, work, etc.)

If the exposure to COVID-19 occurred outside of the classroom setting, we ask that your child stay home, quarantine from others, and monitor for the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 through at least 10/10/2021. Self-quarantine is the best way you can help your family, friends, co-workers, and community members stay healthy.

No matter how the exposure to COVID-19 occurred, Kinder3 DHHS-TEST should take the following precautions:

- Wear a face mask that covers their mouth and nose when around others, even within their own home.
- Observe for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. **If they develop symptoms, keep them home.** Be sure to get care if they feel worse or think it is an emergency. If you need to seek care, call ahead to let them know that they may have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Reduce additional possible exposures to COVID-19 by avoiding close contact with people who are sick and observe general social distancing guidelines.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available.

A 14-day quarantine is the best way to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 to others. They are still expected to follow the precautions above, monitor for symptoms daily, and wear a mask when around others.

Anyone with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 should get tested, even those who are fully vaccinated or have already had COVID-19. There are many locations to get tested at no cost. Click here to find a test location near you: https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-99891 99912---,00.html

More information about COVID-19 is available at Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and CDC.gov/Coronavirus. If you become sick or have questions about your specific situation, please call your health care provider. If you, your employer, or your school have other questions regarding COVID-19 or this letter, please call Barry-Eaton

District Health Department. To find the contact information for your local health department, please visit: https://bit.ly/LHDLocator

Thank you,

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